

House Resolution 1736

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Purcell of the 159th, Morris of the 155th, Hill of the 21st, Brooks of the 63rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Office of the Secretary of State and the Board of Regents of the University
2 System of Georgia to work together to explore the future of the Georgia Capitol Museum and
3 the possibility of creating a State Museum of Georgia History; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Georgia was chartered in 1732 and established in 1733 as one of the original
5 13 American colonies and has a tremendously rich history; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia is now the ninth most populous state and growing rapidly; and

7 WHEREAS, the story of this great state has not been told in the powerful way it should be,
8 in honor of both our founders and our citizenry; and

9 WHEREAS, we must preserve our heritage and teach young people about the history of their
10 state; and

11 WHEREAS, this state lacks a dedicated, comprehensive museum documenting the great
12 history of Georgia and its people, a proper repository for our most precious historical
13 artifacts; and

14 WHEREAS, a museum should focus on the social, cultural, and political aspects of our long
15 history, from the first native American inhabitants of Georgia to the present day.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body urge the Office of the Secretary of State and the Board of Regents
18 of the University System of Georgia to work together, along with members of the General
19 Assembly, the Office of the Governor, university leaders, corporate leaders, historical
20 societies, and others, to explore the future of the Georgia Capitol Museum and the possibility
21 of creating a State Museum of Georgia History.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Office of the Secretary
24 of State and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.